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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Species d (Figures 5-6) in response to the Restriction

Requirement of February 4, 2003. Claims 8 to 17 and 31 to 40 read upon this elected species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.